(d) the number of cases of the accidents in 1992 that have been referred to the Commissioner of Bail-way Safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EST

THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Railway zone-wise details of the train accidents occurred during the year 1992 are as under : —

Railway	Collisions	Derail-ments	Level Crossing Accidents	Fire in trains	Total
Central	7	42	7	2	58
Eastern	7	45	4	—	56
Northern	6	42	11	2	61
North Eastern	1	27	10	—	38
Northeast Frontier	—	50	1	—	51
Southern	4	41	6	1	52
South Central	4	47	5	1	57
South Eastern	8	82	4	—	94
Western	4	40	8	1	53

(e) As a result of these accidents, 287 persons lost their lives and 894 were injured. The amount of compensation paid during 1992 wag Rs. 237.69 lakhs.

(d) 22.

Creation of New Railway Zone with Bhubaneswar as Headquarters

339. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: WiU the Minister of RAIL. WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a new Railway Zone with Bhubaneswar as Headquarters; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the inclusion of Visa khapatnam Division in South Cen tral Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Accident to Rajdhani Express

340. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNTL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI MOHAMMAD AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Raj-dhani Express met with an accident

near Kanpur as a result of hitting a goods train;

(b) if so, how many lost their lives and what was the loss incurred by the Railways to the bogies;

(c) whether it is a fact that after the accident, the belongings of the ill.fated train were looted by antisocial elements; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure safe journey to rail commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Eight persons lost their lives and 35 sustained injuries in this accident and loss to the bogies is Rs. 5,62,00,000/-.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Some of the steps taken to ensure safe journey to rail commuters are as under: —

(i) Intensive inspections of maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(ii) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety categories as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(iii) Intensive training to staff in operational categories.

(iv) Counseling and training of drivers and guards in proper check up of their trains en route when hot axle or some deficiencies are reported.

(v) Better awareness among station staff to detect the abnormalities tin time and take prompt action to stop the trains.

(vi) Strengthening of arrangements to watch out moving trains for hot axles etc. from both sides of the train.

Construction of Railway lines during Eighth five year plan

341. SHRI RAMJI LAL: WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway lines proposed to be constructed during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether these also include any area of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab;

(c) if so, whether Fatehbad of Haryana is also to be linked with Delhil RohtakjPanipat during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A statement is attached. (See below)

(fa) Yes, Sir.
(c) No, Sir.
(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of construction of railway lines during Eighth Five Year Plan

S. No.	Lines to be constructed during Eighth Plan
1	2
1	Mathura-Alwar (119.75 km.)—Rajasthan.
2	Satna-Rewa (50 km.)
3	Guna-Etawah (348.25 km.)
4	Panvel-Karjat—Land acquisition for new BG line.